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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In an image pickup apparatus, a timer starts a time measuring operation when a shutter button is pressed. When a time T1 is measured by the timer, the image from the image pickup apparatus is output as a background image. In addition, when a time (T1 + T2) is measured by the timer, the image from the image pickup apparatus is output as an image including an object.